

William Berkeley Lewis to Andrew Jackson, November 21, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

WILLIAM B. LEWIS TO JACKSON.

Nashville, November 21, 1813

Dear Genl. The last victory obtained over the hostile creeks is awfully ominous of the fate that awaits their nation. Another such victory will open your passage to the walls of Pensicola.¹ Chastise those perfidious

¹ Governor Blount in a letter to Jackson, Nov. 20, 1813, said that, while not certain, he believed that the ultimate object of the administration was that the campaign might result in the reduction of Pensacola.

instigators of the Indians to Savage cruelties, and you at once unnerve the arm that draws the bow and raises the tommyhawk. I have no doubt but the victory obtained on the 9th Instant has decided the fate of the campaign, and that every subsequent information will bear the same masculine features.

Much anxiety has been manifested here, on account of the failures on the part of the contractors to furnish the necessary supplies of provisions; but, if late information can be relied on, we hope those evils (and evils of all others that can befall an army the most dangerous) are removed. I have been informed that provisions are in the greatest abundance at fort Deposit; if so, why in the name of God have not the contractors packed them on horses to the army, if waggons and teams could not be procured! One hundred pack horses would have supplied the army plentifully with meal and beaves could be drove.

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The people here are very much at a loss to know the object Genl. Cocke has in view by not joining you. His conduct appears strange and misterious, and has excited not only surprise, but a considerable degree of censure; great many are of opinion that he is actuated more from selfishness than the good of the service. . . .